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Reaction of Haitians in Cuba

Havana in Creole to Haiti 0200 GMT 6 Apr 68 C

[Excerpts] Famous U.S. writer James Baldwin titled one of his books "The Fire Next Time." It warns the white racists that everything has a limit, including the patience of Negroes. With the assassination of Martin Luther King, the only patience that a U.S. Negro can have in life is armed patience. "Fire now!"--this is the only answer that the U.S. Negro population can give to the assassination of the leader of nonviolence, Martin Luther King.

We in Haiti, we will observe a moment of silence for Martin Luther King. He was a man who wanted the emancipation of the U.S. Negroes. We have the same enemies as he. Those who killed the U.S. Negro leader are the ones who put Francois Duvalier in power. Therefore, in Haiti also, we must not say to Duvalier and the imperialists, "The fire next time," but "Fire now!"

Martin Luther King's blood will fall upon the white racists and imperialists. Revolutionary violence will take place not only in the United States, but also in all the oppressed countries of Latin America. Fire now!

[Throughout the commentary, the station plays in the background a protest song sung by Lena Horne. Phrases heard include: "We mean action now!" "Now is the time!" and "No one should grab your sister?"]

Carmichael Interview

Havana in English to South America 2050 GMT 5 Apr 68 C

[Havana radio overseas telephone interview with U.S. Negro leader Stokely Carmichael in Washington]

[Text] Question: Stokely??

Answer: Yes.

Question: Oh, this is Mike Laguardia from Radio Havana Cuba.

Answer: Hello.

Question: Hello, sir.

Answer [in Spanish]: How are you?

Question [in Spanish]: Very well, and you?

Answer: Uh, uh, uh. . . .

Question: Say, Stokely?

Answer [in Spanish]: Yes.

Question: We would like to have a statement from you on Martin Luther King's assassination. . .

Answer: Right.

Question: And what has been the reaction of the Afro-Americans in the face of this crime?

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Answer: Right. A White American has Rap Brown in jail right now. And America killed Dr Martin Luther King Jr last night. When they killed Doctor King, they made a mistake, because Doctor King was the one man who was trying to ask, uh, black people not to burn down the cities. Now that they have killed Doctor King, there is no black man who will ask black people not to burn down the cities. What it means is that we've gone full swing into the revolution.

Last night, 35 cities had major incidents. That was last night--35 cities of the United States where there was burning, and shooting, and killing over the death of Doctor King. It is clear, uh, more of this will continue. It is going to become more and more a guerrilla--urban guerrilla warfare, because it is clear that we cannot win with the uh, with the police in open rebellion. So more people are now beginning to plan seriously a major urban guerrilla warfare, where we can begin to retaliate not only for the death of Doctor King, but where we can move seriously to [words indistinct] serious revolutions with this country to bring it to its knees. It is crystal clear to us that the United States of America must fall in order for humanity to live; and we are going to give our lives to that cause. To our brothers and sisters in Cuba, we want to say: "Hello--my respects to you all."

Question: Thanks very much, Stokely. We'll be coming back to you again in case something more shows up.

Answer: Very good.

Question: Au revoir.

Answer: Au revoir. Tell Prime Minister Fidel I said hello.

Question: All right [words indistinct].

Answer: [words indistinct]

Question: By Stokely.

Announcer: That was the voice of Stokely Carmichael in a statement for Radio Havana Cuba.

Puerto Rican Leaders' Statements

Havana in Spanish to the Americas 1800 GMT 5 Mar 68 C

[Excerpts] The chief of the Puerto Rican independence movement mission in Havana, Carlos Padilla, said in exclusive statements to Radio Havana Cuba that with the wanton killing of the U.S. pacifist Negro leader, Martin Luther King, the U.S. racists ensconced in the highest governing spheres in Washington have just committed one of the most repugnant crimes in recent times.

Padilla concluded his statements to Radio Havana Cuba saying that the assassination of Reverend King teaches the pro-independence Puerto Ricans just how far the Yankee imperialists can go when it comes to preventing the liberation of the oppressed.

[Havana in Spanish to the Americas at 1200 GMT reported that the secretary general of the Puerto Rican independence movement, Juan Mari Bras, told Radio Havana Cuba that the assassination of Martin Luther King shows the decomposition of U.S. society that has resulted because of the hostility and prejudice on which the structure of that country is based.]